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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 24 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq ("Oil-for-food" Programme)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	7th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	8th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/56/1 and Add.1 and Corr.1) [10]:

(a) Presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report on the work of the Organization

(b) Debate

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Eighth session

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on privileges and immunities of the Court

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on rules of procedure of the Assembly of States parties

WORKING GROUP ON
THE CRIME OF AGRESSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.		Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

WORKING GROUP ON
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		Confere Roo

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Confere Room
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Confere Room

Subject

Comprehensive review of the whole question of pea keeping operations in all their aspects

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 24 September 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee agenda items)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) will hold a seminar on "Time to Control Tactical Nuclear Weapons" on Monday, 24 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please call (212) 963-2874.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its informal consultations on Tuesday, 2 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

The 2nd meeting of the First Committee will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect other members of the Bureau and to consider and approve its programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/56/CRP.1)*.

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977I; tel.: (212) 963-4866), as soon as possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad K. Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee, room S-2977H (fax: (212) 963-5305).

* To be issued.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 3 October, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 1, to elect other members of the Bureau and to consider and approve its organization of work (A/C.4/56/L.1).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 8 October (see document A/C.4/56/L.1), are kindly requested to notify the secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that names of representatives, alternates and advisers should be submitted to Ms. I. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax:

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.1*. Copies of the revised draft programme of work are now available in the office of the Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950).

* To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Thursday, 27 September 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.1*, in the light of the Chairman's consultations.

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its second meeting on Wednesday, 26 September 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 8.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

In the light of the decision taken by the General Assembly to schedule the general debate of its fifty-sixth session for later dates, the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which was to be held from 25 to 27 September 2001 in New York, will also be scheduled for later dates.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Fifth session

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 1 to 12 October 2001 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will be opened on Monday, 1 October, at 3 p.m. A general exchange of views by Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies is expected to take place at the opening meeting. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 October.

The list of speakers for the opening meeting and special segment will be open until Tuesday, 25 September 2001. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel.: (212) 963-2319; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: fidler@un.org). The list will be reopened in Geneva on Monday, 1 October (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(5)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate

At its 3rd plenary meeting, held on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly was informed by its President that he had consulted with the Chairmen of regional groups and it was understood that the general debate, which had been envisaged to take place from Monday, 24 September, to Friday, 5 October 2001, would be scheduled for later dates.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 25 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are jointly conducting a workshop on the World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Summit). This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 4 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 5 October, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 27 September 2001. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

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As from Tuesday, 4 September 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the French presidency of the Security Council (available in French and in English) can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/france.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on the Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 20 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

4th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]

The President recalled that, in accordance with a decision taken previously, two ministerial round tables-cum-informal panels would be held in addition to plenary meetings.

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Eladio Loizaga, Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the first ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on the sub-theme entitled "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries".

The President appointed H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, as Chairman, and H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations, as Rapporteur, of the second ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on the sub-theme entitled "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts".

The General Assembly decided that the Rapporteurs would present a summary of the discussions in their respective ministerial round table-cum-informal panels at the concluding meeting of the high-level dialogue.

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Sergey Ordzhonikidze, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey) and Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Norman Nicholson, Director of the Office of Development Partnership in the Bureau for Policy and Programme Coordination of the United States, Agency for International Development; and the representatives of South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, China, Romania, Mexico, Algeria, and Pakistan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 166 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) would be taken up on Monday, 1 October 2001, in the morning.

5th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97(c)]

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Tunisia, Japan, India, Ghana, Brazil, Malaysia, Norway, Colombia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono, Director-General for Foreign Economic Relations of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; and by the representatives of Israel, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Argentina and Egypt.

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High-level dialogue on
strengthening international economic
cooperation for development through partnership

Ministerial round-table-cum-informal panels (first event)

Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris (Greece), introduced the Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Elagio Loizaga (Paraguay), and made an introductory statement.

Mr. Salomão Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission of Mozambique; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Pekka Tarjanne, former Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, made presentations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique, Indonesia, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Mexico, Kenya and Paraguay, as well as by the observer of the European Community.

The panellists replied to statements and comments made by delegations.

Ministerial round-table-cum-informal panels (second event)

Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Dumisana Shadrack Kumalo (South Africa), introduced the Rapporteur, H.E. Mr. Ion Botnaru (Republic of Moldova), and made introductory remarks.

Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Mr. Irfan ul Haque, Consultant to the G-24, made presentations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Mexico, Cameroon, the United States, South Africa and Bolivia, as well as by the observer of the European Community.

The panellists replied to statements and comments made by delegations.

Friday, 21 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4379th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/868)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium and Bosnia and Herzegovina, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Petritsch and Mr. Klein.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Ireland, Jamaica, China, the Russian Federation, Norway, Bangladesh, Mali, Colombia, Mauritius and Singapore, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Petritsch and Mr. Klein responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

4380th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the situation in the Central African Republic pursuant to the statement by the President (S/2001/886)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, the Central African Republic and Egypt, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to General Lamine Cissé, Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Bangui, Central African Republic, and Mr. Robert Calderisi, Country Director of the World Bank.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings under rule 39 by General Lamine Cissé and Mr. Robert Calderisi.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, Ukraine, Tunisia, United States, China, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, Bangladesh, Singapore, Ireland, Norway, Mauritius, Jamaica and Colombia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the EFTA countries belonging to the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Egypt.

Mr. Cissé and Mr. Calderisi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

6th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [97(c)]

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Mongolia, Bangladesh, Paraguay, Yemen, the Czech Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Thailand, Nepal, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Guatemala, Maldives, Myanmar, Bolivia and Nigeria.

The Rapporteur of the ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries presented his summary report.

The Rapporteur of the ministerial round table-cum-informal panel on promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts presented his summary report.

The President presented his summary of the final outcome of the high-level dialogue.

The high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership was thus concluded.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Cyprus (20 September 2001)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Lesotho (20 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention Against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries. New York, 4 December 1989

Accession: Costa Rica (20 September 2001)*

Entry into force: 20 October 2001, in accordance with article 19 (1) of the Convention.

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitations to war crimes and crimes against humanity. New York, 26 November 1968

Accession: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Uruguay (21 September 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chau

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. Elias Gounaris

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